

Remarks

Claims 1-55 were previously cancelled. Claims 56-75 were pending and rejected, and are cancelled by this amendment. New claims 76-80 are added by this amendment. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 76-80.

Claims 56-75 were rejected over U.S. Patents 5,956,334 (Chu) and 6,067,299 (DuRee). Claims 56-75 have been cancelled, so new claims 76-80 are discussed below in light of Chu and DuRee. Independent claim 76 requires that a signaling processor direct a first call over a first asynchronous connection between two interworking units. On a second call, the first asynchronous connection between the two interworking units is not available, so the signaling processor directs the second call over second and third asynchronous connections through a matrix between the two interworking units. Neither Chu nor DuRee teach such alternate routing through a matrix when a first asynchronous connection is unavailable.

The Applicants submit that there are additional reasons in support of patentability, but that such reasons are moot in light of the above remarks and are omitted in the interests of brevity. The Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 76-80.


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